

MEDIA KIT



**KIAMICHI
ELECTRIC**
COOPERATIVE

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ABOUT US

KIAMICHI ELECTRIC

There's more than just electrical power behind your cooperative.

Established in 1945, KEC provides service to 21,426 meters and maintains 4,092 miles of distribution line in the counties of Latimer, LeFlore,

Pittsburg, Pushmataha and Atoka. KEC is a distribution co-op; we do not generate our own electricity. Western Farmers based in Anadarko, Oklahoma and KAMO in Vinita, Oklahoma supply power to our co-op as well as others in the state.

The electric cooperative's headquarters is located on Highway 2, south of Wilburton. KEC is owned by the member it serves. Any individual or business purchasing electricity from KEC is considered to be a member-owner of the Cooperative.



MISSION STATEMENT:

To make electric energy available to all members of the cooperative at the lowest cost, consistent with sound economy and good management.

KEC System Map

Map Date: 10/21/2021

Board of Directors



Mark Ichord, President
District 6



Ron Pelaconi, Vice President
District 3



Russell Shaw, Treasurer
District 1



Amy Miller
District 2



David Ray
District 4



Don Parr
District 5



Larry Culwell
District 7

Kiamichi Electric is governed by a board of seven directors elected by and from the cooperative's membership. The directors are responsible for establishing basic business policies, employing the CEO, and working to carry out strategic planning.

Directors are elected for a two year term.

How are we different?

As a member-owned utility, electric cooperatives differ from investor-owned utilities such as PSO and OG&E, in that they are not-for-profit companies, owned by their members - not stockholders. Additionally, cooperatives are not regulated by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Unlike other types of member-owned utilities, such as municipal utilities, electric cooperatives are not government entities and do not have government powers such as taxing authority or the ability to issue bonds.

Seven Cooperative Principles

1

VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

2

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actually participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership.

3

MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control the capital of their cooperative.

4

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.

5

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

6

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

7

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

How do we compare to other utilities?

ELECTRIC CO-OPS

OWNED BY
the individuals
and businesses
to which we
provide power.

SERVING OKLAHOMA

27 distribution and 3
G & T co-ops serve
a portion of all 77
counties in
Oklahoma.



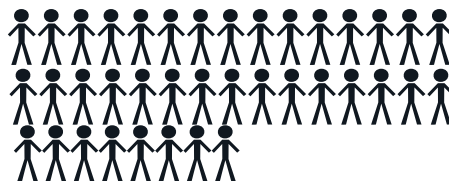
Average of
5 CONSUMERS
per mile of line.

INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES

OWNED BY
shareholders that include
institutional & individual
investors and
employees.

SERVING OKLAHOMA

Two IOUs serve 499
cities and towns in
Oklahoma and
neighboring states.



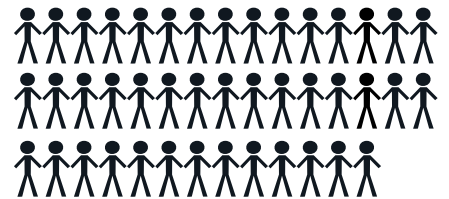
Average of
38 CONSUMERS
per mile of line.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

OWNED BY
local governments.

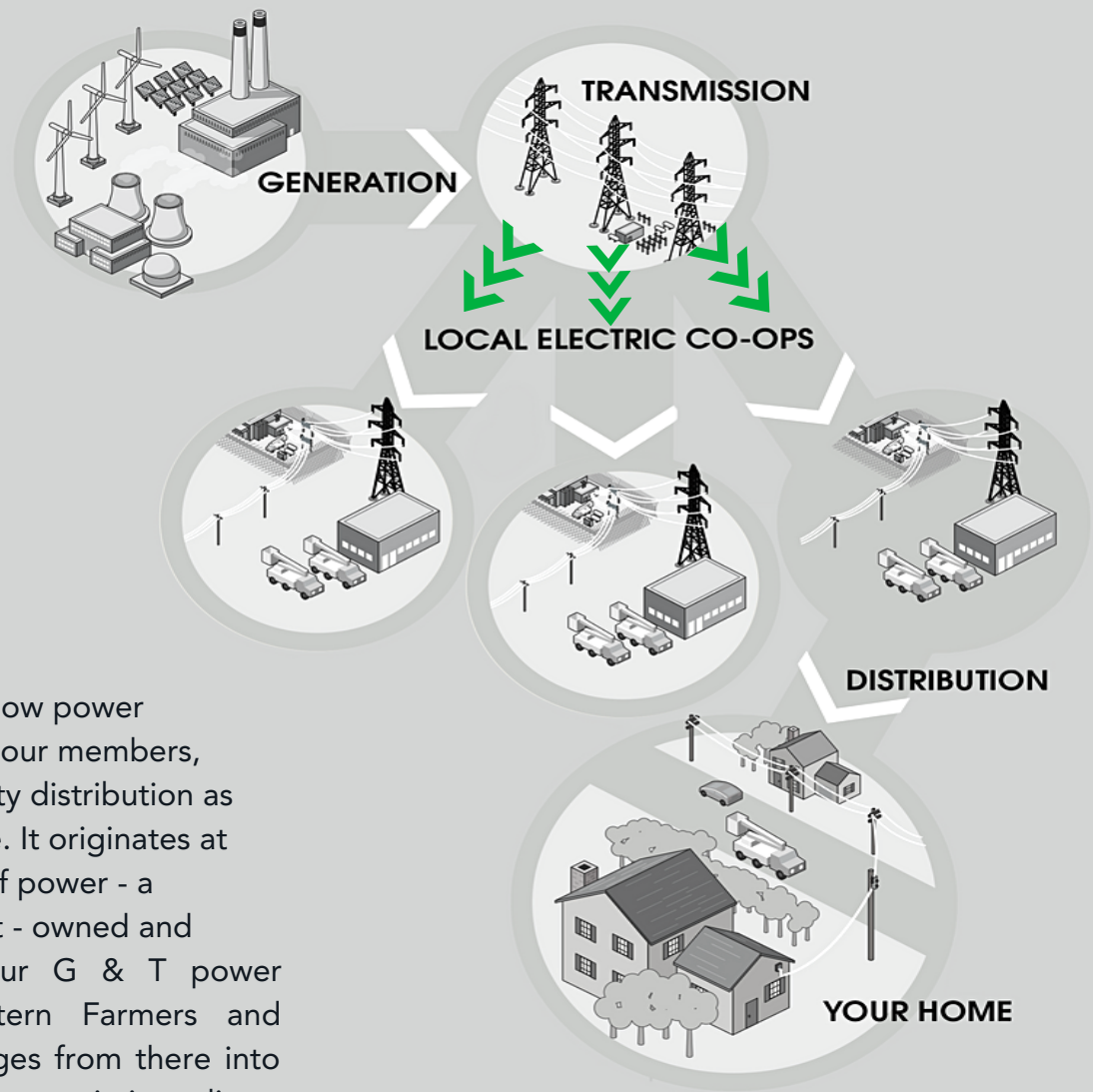
SERVING OKLAHOMA

58 municipal utilities
serve their designated
city or town.



Average of
43 CONSUMERS
per mile of line.

How does power go from Generation to Distribution?



To understand how power is distributed to our members, think of electricity distribution as a river in reverse. It originates at a single ocean of power - a generation plant - owned and operated by our G & T power suppliers, Western Farmers and KAMO. It diverges from there into a series of transmission lines, substations, and smaller feeder lines until it reaches homes and businesses.

Youth Programs

KEC offers different programs each year for local students. Our programs are offered at no cost to students or schools and are tailored for all ages which spans from K - 12 Grade



Youth Tour

An unforgettable, all expenses paid, week long educational adventure that includes site-seeing at Gettysburg and other national memorials, visits with Congressional leaders on Capital Hill and a rally with over 1,500 students from across the country. This opportunity is open to High School Juniors.



Safety Show

Electrical safety demonstrations allow students to see how energy moves along power lines and learn how to safely interact with electrical equipment, even in life-threatening emergencies.

KEC Foundation

ORU is a community outreach program funded by participating Kiamichi Electric members through the KEC Foundation. The small change that results from "rounding up" monthly electric bills adds up to big changes in the communities served by KEC.



Operation Round Up (ORU)

Ages: High School Seniors

Qualified applicants will be chosen by the Operation Roundup Board.

Scholarship funds will be dispersed to college or trade school of choice.

Operation Round Up (ORU)

Non Traditional Scholarship

Ages: College age & ^

Qualified applicants will be chosen by the Operation Roundup Board. Scholarship funds will be dispersed to college or trade school of choice. Scholarship recipient must be a full-time student in a college, university or trade school.

Coats for Kids is another way KEC gives back to the community.

Through the KEC Foundation, we are able to provide rural elementary schools in our service territory, coats for students in need.



Community

As an electric cooperative, KEC is active in the communities we serve. One of our seven cooperative principles is, "Commitment to Community."

At KEC, we provide more than electricity. We are committed to our communities and the members we serve.

We want to be a leader in the communities we serve, helping attract industry, providing first-class programs and services, and working with schools and other organizations all in an effort to improve the lives of our members. We also encourage our employees to serve their communities by serving on boards of civic and recreational organizations.

Economic Development

Rural communities in Oklahoma are a great place to live and raise a family. The strength of our cooperative depends upon the prosperity of our communities. KEC employees work hard every day to ensure that all members have safe, reliable and affordable power whenever they need it.

Whether it's assisting local economic development officials, we continuously work to improve the business conditions throughout our rural communities so our members can prosper now and for generation to come.



Media Contact

KEC serves portions of Atoka, Latimer, Leflore, Pittsburg and Pushmataha counties. We regularly partner with our local radio stations and newspapers to let our members know about community programs, upcoming changes to rates, board nominations, election, charitable contributions and information about Annual Meeting.

For all media & communication inquiries, please contact:

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Mrs. Warmuth is our cooperative's primary media contact at all times and keeps media informed of cooperative efforts in all crisis communications.

In addition to crisis situations, contact Mrs. Warmuth for questions pertaining to:

Community related events and programs -
News releases, organizing media interviews/events
and written communication.